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Travel behavior during Emergency Evacuations
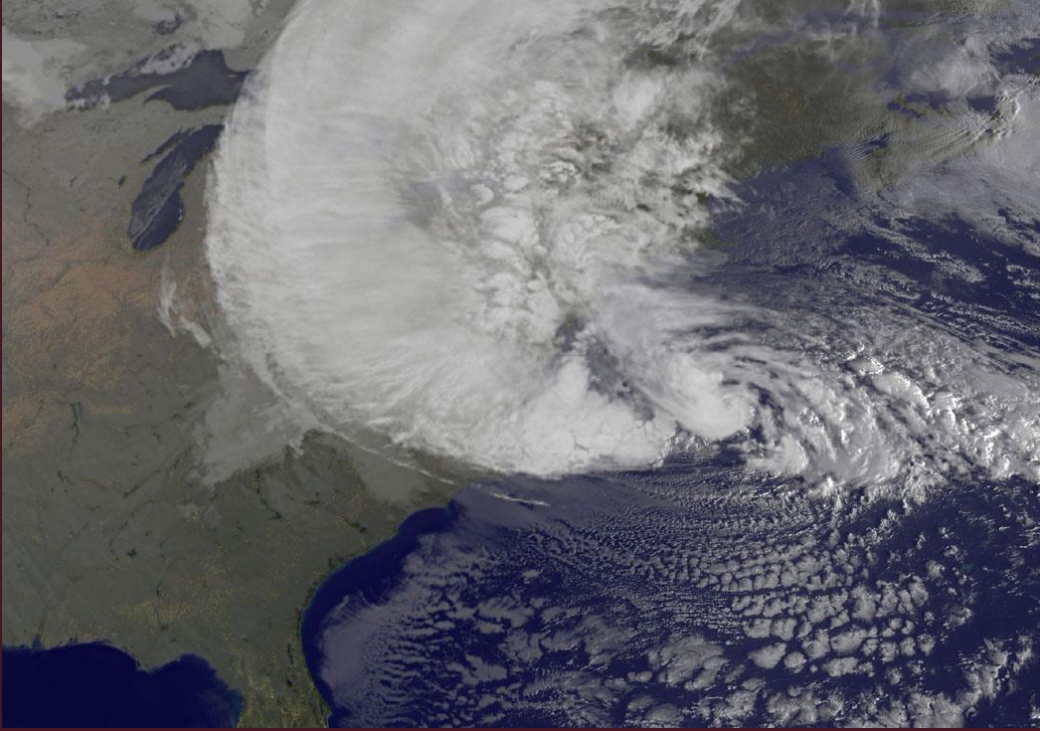
- 58% will leave

- 45% will go to a shelter

- Wind is not the biggest danger

- Tourists act different

- Traffic jams

- Pets

➢ More data means better emergency planning

Transportation Solutions in Parks and Public Lands

Hanging Lake, Colorado

NO STOPPING
PARK CLOSED
FILLED
TO CAPACITY

Transportation Solutions in Parks and Public Lands

The Study

- A capacity analysis was done
- Visitor exit surveys
- Input from local stakeholders
- Strong partnerships

The Solution

- On-line reservation system to limit visitors
- Staggered entrance times
- Lots of good publicity

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➢ Great success! A whole different experience and traffic congestion eliminated.

Acadia National Park, Maine
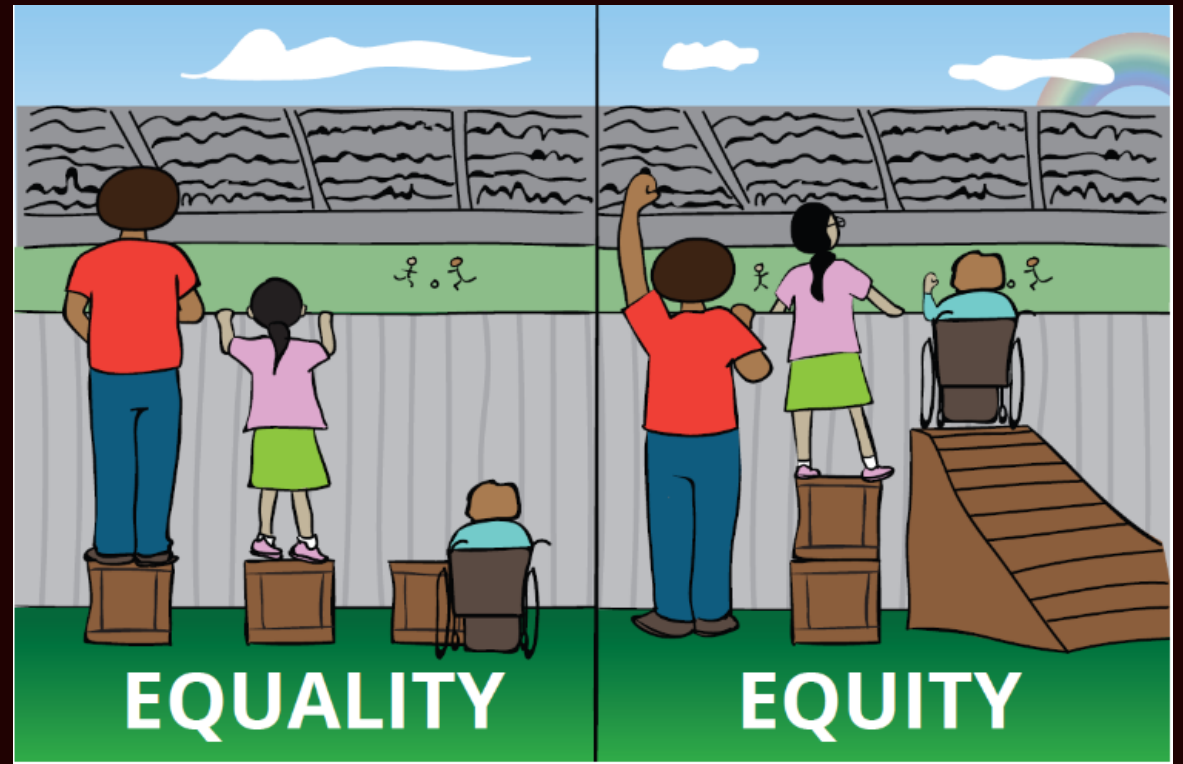
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Planning at a Crossroads

- PennDOT Connects

- Equity!

- Reliability!

- Go beyond compliance/checklist

- Long Range Plan challenges

Right-Sizing

- "A process by which a transportation agency makes intentional decisions to adjust the size, extent, function and composition of its existing or planned infrastructure and service portfolio in response to changing needs over time."

- Agency-wide or specific programs and projects
- Economically sustainable investments
- Roundabout-based road diet

EFFICIENCY!

Examples of Right-Sizing

The Tennessee Department of Transportation implements an initiative to strategically relax design standards, saving the department over $170 M on the first ten projects under the new policy.

Rochester, NY transforms an under-utilized sunken section of expressway into an at-grade "complete street" with private development creating over $250 M of value in the local economy in addition to millions more in life cycle cost savings

An initiative in Dallas, TX identifies opportunities to generate nearly $500 M in development by re-aligning routes and re-using highway infrastructure -- boosting property values by about $2.5 B, adding 40,000 jobs, and increasing property tax revenue by $80 M